



IMPROVING BUILDINGS & FACILITIES

WHAT IS THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM?

As public health challenges have become more serious and complex, CDC's laboratory- and non-laboratory-based programs have expanded to meet changing needs. CDC's long-range plans call for modernizing old labs and constructing new labs and support buildings to house CDC's lab- and non-lab-based science in safe, modern, physically secure and financially efficient Government-owned facilities.

WHAT HAS CDC ACCOMPLISHED?

To address the facilities challenges in an organized, cost-efficient manner, CDC has developed a phased 10-year master plan (FY 2000-FY 2009) for the Atlanta area. This plan includes the following key projects:

- The Emerging Infectious Disease Lab at the Roybal Campus is under construction, on schedule and on budget. This facility should reduce the number of infectious disease laboratorians working in substandard space from 65% to about 30% in 2004.
- CDC has occupied Phase I of the Parasitology Replacement Lab at Chamblee. Phase II occupancy, anticipated in about 12 months, should reduce the number of parasitology laboratorians working in substandard space from 50% to 0%.
- The Environmental Toxicology Lab at Chamblee had a construction start of late summer 2002. It is anticipated that this facility will reduce the number of environmental health scientists working in substandard space from 50% to 0% in 2004.
- The Global Communications and Training Facility had a construction start date of late summer 2002. This facility will greatly enhance CDC's ability to communicate critical research and public health information to the Nation's and the World's state and local public health professionals.
- CDC's Headquarters and Emergency Operations Center will house CDC's executive leadership and will provide CDC with the tools to effectively coordinate the Nation's public health response to terrorist events, epidemics, and natural disasters.
- CDC will begin design of a replacement lab for Vector Borne Infectious Diseases in Ft. Collins, CO. This facility is urgently needed to replace an existing 35-year old leased facility where important work on Hantavirus, Plague, West Nile Virus, and other deadly pathogens is undertaken.

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

- Complete construction of the Emerging Infectious Disease Lab at the Roybal Campus;
- Complete construction of the Environmental Toxicology Lab at Chamblee;
- Complete specialized equipment purchases for the Global Communications and Training Facility;
- Begin construction of the Headquarters and Emergency Operations Center;
- Begin construction of the Vector Borne Disease Lab in Ft. Collins, CO; and
- Increase deferred routine maintenance projects nationwide.

For additional information on this and other CDC programs, visit www.cdc.gov/programs.

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